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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re. Application of: **GIROUX, Natalie, et al.**  
Serial No.: **09/235,387**  
Filed: **01/22/1999**  
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PROVISIONING  
TRAFFIC DEDICATED CORES IN A CONNECTION-  
ORIENTED NETWORK**  
  
Examiner: **NGUYEN, Phuongchau BA**  
Art Unit: **2665**  
Confirmation No.: **4794**  
Atty's Docket No.: **53921/00019**

MAILSTOP Petition  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Arlington, Virginia 22313-1450  
U.S.A.

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY  
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Dear Commissioner:

This is an amendment and reply accompanying a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), which is being filed contemporaneously. Applicant hereby request non-entry of any previously filed unentered amendment, including the amendment that was previously filed on March 27, 2003.

This amendment and reply is filed contemporaneously with a petition under 37 CFR 1.137 to revive the above-named application, and is accompanied by a copy of the Notice of Improper Request for Continued Examination RCE dated September 25, 2003.

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.